

House Resolution 350

By: Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Dickey of the 134th, Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers on November 24, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers was born on October 29, 1982, a beloved son
5 of Mark and Libby Rogers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served his community as a visionary leader and advocate who dedicated
7 innumerable hours of his time and energy toward revitalizing downtown Macon and
8 transforming it into a nationally recognized and award-winning urban center; and
- 9 WHEREAS, before turning 30, Josh was named executive director of the Historic Macon
10 Foundation, where he spearheaded the revitalization of the Beall's Hill neighborhood and
11 used tools such as historic tax credits and creative partnerships to renovate 40 residences; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he further inspired civic pride for Maconites through initiatives such as the
13 Magnolia Soapbox Derby and the "i love macon" campaign; and

14 WHEREAS, at the age of 32, he became the president and CEO of NewTown Macon, where
15 his leadership led to the establishment of Middle Georgia's first and only Community
16 Development Financial Institution and downtown Macon's first Business Improvement
17 District; and

18 WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure, Macon's downtown transformed into a thriving
19 hub of activity filled with locally owned businesses as well as a vibrant cultural and
20 economic landscape, culminating in NewTown Macon receiving the prestigious Great
21 American Main Street Award in 2024; and

22 WHEREAS, despite his many professional accomplishments, Josh's greatest title was
23 "Dad"—he was a devoted father to his children, Jack and Ellie, as well as a loving husband
24 to his wife, Meaghan, who enjoyed spending cherished time with his family; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers will long
26 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
27 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Joshua "Josh" Michael
30 Rogers and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers.